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## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

10 DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

In Re:	)	Chapter 11
BCE WEST, L.P., et al.,	Debtors.	Case Nos. 12547 through 12570 ECF CGC
EID # 38-3196719	)	Jointly Administered  RULE 2014 AND 2016 VERIFIED STATEMENT OF FIRM EMPLOYED BY DEBTORS AS ORDINARY COURSE SPECIAL COUNSEL

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Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rules 2014 and 2016, and 11 U.S.C. §§ 327 and

329, undersigned Firm submits its Verified Statement in support of the Debtors'

Application to Employ Ordinary Course Professionals as Special Counsel (dkt # 42),

pursuant to the Court's January 26, 1999 Order granting such motion (see dkt # 523).

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litigation matters;		
[ ] Advise Debtors with respect to real estate matters, and document real		
estate transactions;		
[ ] Advise Debtors with respect to taxes including [ ] income, [ ] real		
property, [ ] personal property, [ ] use, and/or [ ] sales taxes and, if appropriate and		
requested, represent Debtors before taxing authorities;		
[ ] Advise Debtors with respect to franchise and trademark matters and,		
if appropriate and requested, represent Debtors before governmental agencies with respect		
to same;		
[ ] Advise Debtors with respect to food, drug, health and local regulatory		
matters and, if appropriate and requested, represent Debtors before governmental agencies		
with respect to same;		
[ ] Advise Debtors with respect to corporate, securities and SEC matters		
and, if appropriate and requested, represent Debtors before governmental agencies with		
respect to same;		
[ ] Advise Debtors with respect to labor and employment matters and, if		
appropriate and requested, represent Debtors before governmental agencies with respect to		

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Firm will not advise or represent the Debtors with respect to any bankruptcy or reorganization matters. Firm's representation will be limited to the specified special purposes identified above, within the meaning of 11 U.S.C. § 327(e).

Subject to the approval by the Court, Firm has agreed to represent the Debtors as special counsel based on Firm's standard hourly rates for professional services and reimbursement of those costs and other expenses for which it typically seeks reimbursement. As of the filing of this case on October 5, 1998, Firm was owed \$\_\_\_\_\_\_ for prepetition services. Firm holds a retainer of \$\_\_\_\_\_\_, received from the Debtors prior to the filing of this case. Firm has not billed its prepetition fees and expenses against this retainer or otherwise been paid for them. The retainer has been placed in the firm's client trust account, and will not be used until Court approval.

There is no agreement of any nature, other than the Firm's partnership agreement, as to the sharing of any compensation to be paid to Firm.

With respect to Firm's connections with the Debtors, Debtors' creditors, other parties in interest and their respective attorneys and accountants, Firm's conflict analysis has been limited to consideration of its connections with: (a) the Debtors, (b) the Office of the United States Trustee, (c) Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, L.L.P., (d) Lewis and Roca, L.L.P., (e) PricewaterhouseCoopers, (f) Hebb and Gitlin, (g) Snell & Wilmer, (h) Houlihan Lokey Howard & Zukin Financial Advisors, Inc., (i) Bank of America, NT & SA, (j) General Electric Capital Corporation, (k) Citizen's Bank of Rhode Island, and (l) any party whose interests may be directly adverse to the interests of the

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Debtor with respect to which the Firm has been engaged. Based on that conflict analysis, the Firm believes it has no connections with any of them other than as specified on the attached Exhibit A. The Firm therefore believes it does not hold or represent an interest adverse to the Debtors or to the Debtors' estates with respect to the matters on which the Firm is to be employed, as required by 11 U.S.C. § 327(e).

I verify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing statement is true and correct to the best of my information, knowledge and belief.

Dated this 19th day of August, 1999.

## **FIRM**

Butler, Norris & Gold

(Firm name)

By /s/Martin P. Gold – Partner

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